On the Calendar

UPCOMING

Cook to present at NYCOM's Winter Legislative Meeting
February 08, 2016 | Albany, NY USA
CTG Program Director Meghan Cook will participate in a panel discussion entitled "Innovative Solutions to Dealing with Distressed, Vacant, and Abandoned Properties" at the 2016 Winter Legislative Meeting of the New York State Conference of Mayors. In addition to featuring a discussion about CTG's work helping to develop a regional code enforcement program, the panel will provide an overview of land banking and innovative practices that are being used throughout the country.

Ku to present paper at ASPA conference
March 18-22, 2016 | Seattle, WA USA
CTG Postdoctoral Associate Minyoung Ku will attend the 77th Annual Conference of the American Society of Public Administration to present a paper she co-authored with CTG Research Director, J. Ramon Gil-Garcia. The paper is entitled "Fighting Urban Blight Through Networked Governance: A Cross-Network Approach to Information Sharing" and will be presented during the conference's local government panel.

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Canestraro to present at NYSAC Legislative Conference
February 02, 2016 | Albany, NY USA
CTG Program Director Donna Canestraro will present "Strategies for local government: Keeping the cost of social media low" at the annual Legislative Conference of the New York State Association of Counties. Each year the conference brings together hundreds of county officials to participate in training programs, learn about cutting edge solutions, and hear from state leaders. Donna's presentation will take place during the conference's "Tweet it! Social Media 101 for County Officials" workshop.

Pardo to present at World Internet Conference
December 17, 2015 | Wuzhen, China
CTG Director Theresa Pardo will give a presentation at the 2015 World Internet Conference (Wuzhen Summit), which is jointly organized by the Cyberspace Administration of China and the People's Government of Zhejiang Province. The theme for this year's conference is "An Interconnected World Shared and Governed by All—Building a Cyberspace Community of Shared Destiny." This 2nd Annual Conference will further facilitate strategic-level discussions on global Internet governance, cyber security, the Internet industry as the engine of economic growth and social development, technological innovation and philosophy of the Internet.

Pardo to participate in Expert Group Meeting
December 7-8, 2015 | Guimarães, Portugal
CTG Director Theresa Pardo was invited to participate in an Expert Group Meeting on Governance, Digitization and the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda in Portugal. This Expert Group Meeting will gather a small group of leading researchers and policy makers to
discuss how specific targets could be conceptualized and measured to utilize the potential (and address adverse impact) of digitization on governance for Sustainable Development.

Dawes to give opening keynote at EGOSE
November 24, 2015 | St. Petersburg, Russia
CTG Senior Fellow Sharon Dawes will give the opening keynote at the Conference on Electronic Governance and Open Society: Challenges in Eurasia (EGOSE 2015) in St. Petersburg, Russia on November 24. EGOSE 2015 aims to address the main issues of concern within Information Society, e-government, e-governance, and e-democracy by providing a platform for networking and collaboration of eGovernance experts in the Eurasian area. Sharon’s talk will focus on the value and practice of opening government data.

Cook to present at Rockefeller Institute Local Government Conference
November 18, 2015 | Albany, NYUSA
CTG Program Director Meghan Cook will give a presentation at the Research and Practice in Progress Briefing on Local Government in New York. This event, hosted by the Rockefeller Institute of Government, will provide a forum for local government researchers, practitioners and policy makers to assess the challenges and opportunities facing local governments in New York. Meghan's presentation is entitled "Combating Urban Blight in the Capital Region and Mohawk Valley: The Shared Code Enforcement Information Resource Pilot Project" and will focus on the current project CTG is working on with the cities of Schenectady, Troy, Amsterdam, and Gloversville, with funding from a NY Department of State Local Government Efficiency Grant.

Pardo to present at Local Government Innovation Conference
November 17, 2015 | Albany, NYUSA
CTG Director Theresa Pardo will present "Building Public Sector Innovation Capability" at the Local Government Innovation Conference, hosted by the New York Department of State. The conference is designed to serve as a forum to summarize and discuss suggestions and recommendations made by over 150 local government officials from a recent series of roundtable discussions held regarding the Governor's Municipal Restructuring Fund.

Gil-Garcia and Ku to present at APPAM Conference
November 12-14, 2015 | Miami, FLUSA
CTG Research Director and Associate Professor of Public Administration and Policy, Dr. Gil-Garcia, and CTG Research Assistant, Minyoung Ku, will present at the 2015 Fall Research Conference of the Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management. The paper’s title is “Challenges of Evidence-Based Decision Making to Combat Urban Blight: Revisiting Local Government Information Management through the Lens of Code Enforcement” and aims to explore government information management policies and environments, and the conditions and mechanisms through which evidence-informed decisions occur in local governments. The APPAM conference is one of the premier conferences in the fields of Public Administration and Public Policy.

Pardo to deliver Open Government webcast
November 10, 2015 | Online
Theresa Pardo, CTG Director, will deliver an Audio Webcast entitled "A Decision Making Framework for Maximizing the Public Value of Open Government" on November 10th. Attendees will come away with a better understanding of open government and how
governments at all levels are thinking about and implementing open government programs.

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**Cook to present at Digital Transformation Workshop for USPS OIG**
October 16, 2015 | Washington D.C., USA
CTG Program Director Meghan Cook will present at the U.S. Postal Service Office of Inspector General's Digital Transformation Workshop in Washington D.C. The event is being held to assist postal operators in developing appropriate strategies, products, services, and new organizational cultures to effectively position their business models for future success. Cook will discuss some of the relevant findings from CTG's research on technology use and digital innovation within large government agencies. Additionally, Cook will participate in a working lunch to discuss the topic of Smart Cities and the implications Smart Cities can have on the postal service.

**Canestraro to guest lecture at INF305 class**
October 08, 2015 | Albany, NY USA
Donna Canestraro, CTG Program Director, will be a special guest lecturer at the University at Albany's Digital Project Management Class (INF305) in the College of Engineering/Applied Sciences on October 8th. In this Informatics class, Donna a certified Project Management Professional (PMP) will discuss the top 10 reasons why Information Technology (IT) investments fail. Additionally, she will outline and explain how the tools and techniques developed by the Center for Technology in Government along with sound project management practices can lessen the probability of such a failure.

**Cook to present at NYSLGITDA Fall Conference**
October 08, 2015 | Syracuse, NY USA
CTG Program Director Meghan Cook will attend the Fall Conference of the New York State Local Government IT Directors Association (NYSLGITDA) to present "Addressing Urban Blight through a Regional Information Sharing Effort." Cook's presentation will provide an overview and update on CTG's project with the cities of Schenectady, Troy, Amsterdam and Gloversville to combat urban blight with funding from the New York Department of State's Local Government Efficiency Program. More information on that project can be found here.

**Cook presents at Association of Counties Fall Conference**
September 22, 2015 | Lake Placid, NY USA
CTG Program Director Meghan Cook will present at the New York State Association of Counties' (NYSAC) Fall Conference in Lake Placid. Cook's presentation is entitled "Leveraging Data to Inform Programs, Policies, and Decisions." NYSAC, whose mission is to represent, educate, and advocate for NY Counties and elected and appointed officials, hosts three conferences each year.

**Canestraro to Present at NSAA Conference**
September 22, 2015 | Hartford, CT USA
CTG Program Director Donna Canestraro will facilitate a workshop entitled “IT Governance in the Public Sector” at the National State Auditors Association (NSAA) Information Technology Workshop & Conference on September 22nd. Each year this event provides a forum for state auditors to learn about developments in information systems and electronic government issues.
Cook to Chair Session and Lead Workshop at Smart Cities Week
September 15-17, 2015 | Washington D.C., USA
CTG Program Director Meghan Cook was invited to chair and moderate an egovernment and open data session at the Smart Cities Council’s first ever ‘Smart Cities Week’ in Washington D.C. The week-long event, designed for City leaders, will address the question "How can my city become a smart city?" Cook will also co-lead a half day workshop entitled 'Leveraging Data to Combat Urban Blight' with Tarik Abdelazim from the Center for Community Progress. Additionally, Cook was invited to attend the White House Smart Cities Forum on the 14th that will bring together leading thinkers and practitioners from government, the research community, cities, civil society, and the tech sector to discuss the multi-sector collaborations that will help our cities thrive in the 21st century.

Canestraro to Participate in NYS Digital Summit
September 1-2, 2015 | Albany, NYUSA
CTG Program Director Donna Canestraro will participate in the New York Digital Government Summit, hosted by Government Technology. Canestraro serves on the Advisory Board of the Summit, which provides the opportunity for state and local government and technology leaders to discuss best practices, see the latest in technology solutions, and celebrate the Best of New York Awards.

Pardo to present keynote and Lanza to present paper at IFIP 2015
August 30-September 2, 2015 | Thessaloniki, Greece
CTG Director Theresa Pardo will present the keynote speech at the 14th Annual IFIP Electronic Government (EGOV) and 7th Electronic Participation (ePart) Conference in Thessaloniki, Greece. In addition, CTG Visiting Scholar Beatriz Lanza will present a paper she co-authored with J. Ramon Gil-Garcia and Fernando Gimenez entitled “The Value of Commonly Available and Low Cost Technologies: Towards a Business Model for SMS-Based Government Services.”

Dawes to present keynote at CONIP
August 19-20, 2015 | São Paulo, Brazil
CTG Senior Fellow Sharon Dawes will present as a keynote speaker at the Conference on Information Technology Innovation in Public Management (CONIP) in São Paulo, Brazil. CONIP is the main conference in Brazil that is focused on technology use and innovation within the public sector. Topics covered at CONIP include corporate governance, information technology management, security, and much more.

Costello to participate in NY Citywide Program
July 22, 2015 | Brooklyn, NYUSA
CTG Web Application Developer Jim Costello will participate in the New York State Forum's New York Citywide program on July 22nd in Brooklyn. The event is designed to educate attendees about how the NYS Forum operates and will also provide attendees with the opportunity to contribute ideas to the development of upcoming New York City programs.

Pardo to Present at Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Legislative Conference
July 13, 2015 | Bismarck, NDUSA
CTG Director Theresa A. Pardo will participate in a plenary session titled "Using New Technologies to Better Serve Citizens" at the Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Legislative
Conference. The MLC Annual Meeting is the premier meeting for Midwestern state legislators and it provides participants with a forum for exchanging information and ideas on key public policy issues. Theresa will discuss governments' use of technology as well as best practices, including what makes a state successful in the use of digital technology in government.

**Pardo to Participate as an External Expert and Advisor in the Bentley University Thought Leadership Network Planning Workshop**

*June 22, 2015 | Waltham, MA USA*

CTG Director Theresa A. Pardo is participating as an external expert and advisor in two of Bentley University's Thought Leadership Network (TLN) workshops. The June 16 workshop focused on the proposed Public Sector Analytics Project and the second, on June 22, will concentrate on Data-driven Innovation and Value Creation. The Thought-Leadership Network is a coordinated network of scholars and practitioners aimed to advance knowledge and innovation.

**Gil-Garcia to Co-host Workshop about Digital Government**

*June 15-19, 2015 | Albany, NY USA*

CTG Research Director J. Ramon Gil-Garcia will co-host a workshop in Albany about digital government in Mexico in which five of the top digital government scholars in that country will participate, including the two organizers and the following three professors: Rodrigo Sandoval-Almazan from the Autonomous University of the State of Mexico, Dolores E. Luna from the University of the Americas in Puebla, and Gabriel Puron-Cid from the Center for Research and Teaching in Economics in Mexico City. The workshop is co-hosted by Luis F. Luna-Reyes who is an Associate Professor in the Department of Informatics and a CTG Research Fellow.

**Gil-Garcia Invited to Present at Public Management Research Conference**

*June 11-13, 2015 | Minneapolis, MN USA*

CTG Research Director J. Ramon Gil-Garcia will present a paper entitled "Citizens As Sensors: Examining Co-Production, Sensor Technologies, and Data Analytics in Government" co-authored with Rockefeller College Ph.D. student Ashley M. Alteri, CTG Managing Director Brian Burke and Natalie Helbig, who is the Director of Health Data New York.

**Cook and UAlbany Doctoral Student to Present on the Use of Social Media in Counties**

*June 9, 2015 | Lake Placid, NY USA*

CTG Program Director Meghan Cook and UAlbany Doctoral Student Jamie Campbell presented "Social Media Use in NYS Counties" to members of the New York State County Clerk Association at their annual conference on June 9th in Lake Placid. The study, conducted by Campbell with Cook and CTG Faculty Fellow Dr. Teresa Harrison as mentors, addressed the current social media use by NYS county governments, common purposes and topics, potential strategies, and the realized values of current users.

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strategies, and the realized values of current users.

**Gil-Garcia to Participate in International Conference on Digital Government Research**
May 27-30, 2015 | Phoenix, AZUSA
CTG Research Director J. Ramon Gil-Garcia will participate in the 2015 International Conference on Digital Government Research (dg.o) with a paper entitled “The Formation and Evolution of Cross-Boundary Digital Government Knowledge Networks: A Mixed-Method Case Study,” co-authored with CTG Graduate Assistant Minyoung Ku and Professor Jing Zhang from Clark University. He is also co-author of a paper entitled “The Effects of Technology Use on Efficiency, Transparency, and Corruption in Municipal Governments: Preliminary Results from a Citizen Perspective” with Professor Rodrigo Sandoval and Ph.D. student David Valle both from the Autonomous University of the State of Mexico. Professor Gil-Garcia and CTG Senior Fellow Sharon Dawes are also co-chairs of the Ph.D. Colloquium.

**Cook to Lead Panel and Present Paper at dg.o 2015**
May 27-30, 2015 | Phoenix, ArizonaUSA
CTG Program Director Meghan Cook and Karen Mossberger, Professor and Director of the School of Public Affairs at Arizona State University, will lead a candid conversation among government leaders and digital government scholars focused on how all sectors can work across professions and disciplines to address the complex and challenging issues facing governments all over the world. Ms. Cook will also present a paper titled A Shared Information Resource to Fight Urban Blight: Challenges and Opportunities in New York State. The paper, co-authored by CTG Program Assistant Megan Sutherland, focuses on the role of information sharing in a multi city effort to address urban blight. The theme of this year’s dg.o conference is Digital Government and Wicked Problems: Climate Change, Urbanization, and Inequality. More>

**Pardo invited to give keynote address at CeDEM15**
May 20-22, 2015 | Krems, Austria
Dr. Theresa A. Pardo will give a keynote at the 2015 International Conference for e-Democracy and Open Government (CeDEM15) entitled, “Enabling Open Government for All: A Roadmap for Public Libraries.” The international Conference for e-Democracy and Open Government brings together e-democracy, e-participation and open government specialists working in academia, politics, government and business to critically analyze the innovations, issues, ideas and challenges in the networked societies of the digital age. More>

**Pardo to participate in the NASA Socioeconomic Data and Applications Center (SEDAC) User Working Group (UWG)**
May 18-19, 2015 | New York, New York USA
The SEDAC User Working Group (UWG) provides ongoing advice and guidance regarding SEDAC activities and plans. Its responsibilities include reviewing SEDAC's progress and performance, representation of user community perspectives in the development of SEDAC products and services, recommendation of specific data products and services to NASA and SEDAC, and provision of strategic guidance to NASA and SEDAC on objectives, priorities, target user communities, implementation approaches, and other issues. UWG members represent a broad range of social and natural science disciplines and other user groups from the public and private sectors. More>

**Pardo and Canestraro to conduct next workshop for the 4Afrika Program in Cairo Egypt**
March 28 – 30, 2015 | Cairo, Egypt
CTG Director Theresa Pardo and Program Director Donna Canestraro will conduct a Train the Trainer Program at the National Management Institute in Cairo Egypt as part of the 4Afrika Program. More>

Dawes to present CTG research in China
April 20-24, 2015 | Various locations, China
CTG Senior Fellow Sharon Dawes will present on CTG research at several different venues in China. Her talks will focus on eGov and Innovation at Fudan University and the Public Value of Air Quality Information at Jiatong University, both in Shanghai. She will also present Deriving Public Value from Open Data Programs at Guanggong Provincial Government and Jianan University in Guanzhou. The visit is sponsored by CTG Research Fellow Professor Lei Zheng at Fudan University and Professor Chen Yumei at Jianan University who will be a CTG visiting scholar in Fall 2015. More>

Pardo continues her participation with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency?s (EPA) National Advisory Committee (NAC)
April 16-17, 2015 | Washington, DC USA
The U.S. NAC advises the U.S. Representative (the Administrator of the EPA) to the Commission for Environmental Cooperation on specific U.S. government policy issues related to the implementation of the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation. The Committee is responsible for providing recommendations to help assure that business and industry, academia, and non-governmental organizations are represented in the development of U.S. policy positions regarding implementation of the Environmental Supplemental Agreements to the North American Free Trade Agreement. The Committee meets several times a year to discuss, draft, and publish a set of recommendations to inform policy decisions. In October 2015, Dr. Pardo was appointed to a two-year term on the NAC. More>

Pardo to Participate on UAlbany Public Engagement Panel
March 11, 2015 | University at Albany, NYUSA
CTG Director Theresa A. Pardo will participate in a University at Albany campus forum entitled Telling Our Story of Public Engagement. The forum is an initiative of the President?s Public Engagement Council and hosted by UAlbany President Robert J. Jones and Provost James Stellar. Dr. Pardo along with the other panelists from UAlbany will discuss how their work at the University helps address complex societal challenges both locally and globally.

Cook to Participate in Digital and Mobile Government Panel at Annual ASPA Conference
March 6-10, 2015 | Chicago, Illinois USA
CTG Program Director Meghan Cook will participate in a panel discussion titled Going Digital and Mobile in State and Local Government at the American Society of Public Administration (ASPA) Annual Conference in Chicago, Illinois. She will present on ?Mobile Government: Dimensions to Assess Readiness and Gauge Progress (And Other Lessons From The Field) .? More>

Pardo to Participate in Panel Discussion on Effective and Responsible Use of Student Data
February 18, 2015 | Webinar
Along with other national and local experts on student data protection and use, CTG Director Dr. Theresa Pardo will participate in the webinar titled 5 Ways Community Organizations Can
Ensure Effective & Responsible Student Data Use. Dr. Pardo along with the other panelists will discuss five ways community organizations can ensure effective and responsible use of student data, and share real-world examples of how these practices are helping communities improve education outcomes for kids. The webinar is organized by StriveTogether, a national cradle-to-career initiative that brings together leaders in Pre-K-12 schools, higher education, business and industry, community organizations, government leaders, parents and other stakeholders who are committed to helping children succeed from birth through careers. For more information about the webinar and to register >>

Gil-Garcia to Participate in NSF Conference on Broadband Internet
February 12-13, 2015 | Arizona State University, Tucson, AZUSA
CTG's Research Director, J. Ramon Gil-Garcia, will participate in the NSF Broadband Use Data and Repository Conference, which will be hosted by the Arizona State University School of Public Affairs and Center for Policy Informatics. Dr. Gil-Garcia will join other researchers from throughout the country to discuss strategies for measuring broadband use and social benefits and how broadband data can inform better policy decisions.

Dawes to Participate in UN Expert Group Meeting on Sustainable Development Goals
January 28-29, 2015 | UN Headquarters, New York, NYUSA
CTG Senior Fellow Dr. Sharon Dawes will be a lead participant in a United Nations Expert Group Meeting entitled "Policy integration in government in pursuit of the sustainable development goals," at the UN Headquarters in New York. The event is sponsored by Division for Public Administration and Development Management of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs and will engage experts from government, academia, the UN, OECD, World Bank and other organizations to review developments in the field of policy integration in government administration. The results will contribute to an April session of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration (CEPA), on building trust in government in pursuit of sustainable development goals. More>

Gil-Garcia to Present on Research at International Conference on System Sciences
January 5-6, 2015 | Kauai, HawaiiUSA
CTG Research Director and UAlbany Rockefeller College Associate Professor Dr. J. Ramon Gil-Garcia is joining leading digital government researchers from around the world at the 48th Annual Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences. Dr. Gil-Garcia is presenting two papers highlighting research on the determinants of successful inter-organizational information sharing by governments throughout the United States and measuring and evaluating judicial websites in Mexico. Also, he is the co-chair of the conference's Transformational Government mini-track. More>

Pardo to Present Lecture on Creating Capability for Data Analytics
December 11-14, 2014 | Moscow Urban Forum, MoscowRussian Federation
CTG Director Dr. Theresa Pardo to participate by invitation at the "Government and Citizens: Technologies of Collaboration Conference" within the Moscow Urban Forum. She will present a lecture, "Creating capability for data analytics" as part of the public policy making process. Dr. Pardo will also sit on a panel with other experts focused on effective strategies for online citizen participation. The Moscow Urban Forum is organized annually under the auspices of the Moscow Government. The Forum has established itself as an important international event for discussions between some of world's most acknowledged experts in city planning and urban development and is supported by the World Bank and the Urban Land Institute. More>
Electronic Government for IT Leaders
December 5, 2014 | Autonomous University of the State of Mexico, City of Toluca, Mexico

CTG Research Director Dr. J. Ramon Gil-Garcia is speaking at an event organized by the Autonomous University of the State of Mexico, United Nations University, and the City of Toluca in the State of Mexico. The event, “Electronic Government for IT Leaders,” will focus on public managers from cities and other local governments in the metropolitan area of Toluca and also Mexico and Latin America. Some of the topics that Dr. Gil-Garcia will speak on include electronic government, inter-organizational collaboration and information sharing, social media in government, smart cities, open government, and e-participation.

Pardo to Present Talk on Information Sharing, Big Data, and Public Safety
November 18, 2014 | New York City, NY

The issue of sharing information has gained increased attention post-9/11. Theresa Pardo will discuss her perspectives on information sharing in all its forms, the “Big Data” phenomenon, and their implications for public safety managers and homeland security professionals. Theresa will bring her authoritative perspective on these issues as a pioneer in making technology work for governmental organizations. The talk is being given at the Christian Regenhard Center for Emergency Response Studies (RACERS) at the John Jay College for Criminal Justice. More>>

Big Data: Applications, Infrastructures, and Implications
November 14, 2014 | Waltham, Massachusetts, USA

CTG Director Theresa Pardo gave the closing keynote at the 2014 Bentley Research Colloquium. The colloquium, titled Big Data: Applications, Infrastructures, and Implications, focused on big data and other sociotechnical innovations, with a specific interest in technical, societal, organizational, ethical, and policy implications of big data. The event brought together Bentley faculty, staff, and students with key members of external stakeholder groups to highlight Bentley’s research within this important topic area, to identify synergies and collaboration opportunities, and to develop Bentley’s research agenda related to big data further. More>

Cook to Present at Symposium on Digital Democracy
November 13-14, 2014 | Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil

Meghan Cook will be speaking on the Open Government panel at the 1st Symposium on Digital Democracy, sponsored by the Regional Electoral Court of Rio Grande do Sul, through its Electoral Judicial School of Rio Grande do Sul. The panel will focus on digital democracy, addressing different themes such as politics, elections, public services and social control of the state, with its target audience being the political and academic community of Rio Grande do Sul, as well as judges and servants of electoral court.

Challenges of International Research Partnerships
November 4-6, 2014 | Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA

Sharon Dawes will take part in the "Challenges of International Research Partnerships" panel at NASPAA Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This panel brings together senior administrators from Korea, Mexico, and the United States to share their experiences?both successful and unsuccessful?around research partnerships. It will be a roundtable discussion in which we will provide opening remarks and then open discussion up to topics of interest to the audience. More>
Pedagogy of Information Technology in government
November 4-6, 2014 | Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA
Sharon Dawes will be speaking at the "Pedagogy of Information Technology in Government" panel at NASPAA Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The panelists will reflect on what constitutes pedagogical excellence for dealing with the emerging challenges of IT and PA. It will cover four themes: (a) the NASPAA standards on the inclusion of information technology in the curriculum; (b) the state of the art of IT curriculum in public administration schools; (c) characteristics of places with a higher degree of IT and E-government achievement; and (d) technology training needs of public administrators for dealing with IT projects. More>

#OpenData #BigData: Data, Big and Small, in the Public Affairs Curriculum
November 4-6, 2014 | Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA
Natalie Helbig will be speaking on the Open Data/ Big Data panel at the NASPAA Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The panel features programs examining the role of big and open data within the curriculums of Public Affairs colleges. The panel will explore: what programs are doing to prepare students to work with big and open data; how these advances in informatics can be incorporated into various aspects of curriculum; and how schools are responding to internal and external pressures to graduate stronger data analytic students. More>

Pardo to Participate on the Jury Panel for the Sultan Qaboos Award for Excellence in eGovernment
November 1-5, 2014 | Al Athaiba, Sultanate of Oman
Theresa Pardo has been invited by the Information Technology Authority of Sultanate of Oman to participate in the Sultan Qaboos Award for Excellence in eGovernment Award Jury Panel for 2014. The national competition targets government institutions and is a result of His Majesty's call for the development of a national strategy developing knowledge of citizens and skills in dealing with information technology and a call for all government institutions to accelerate the enhancement of services by digital technology and best practices. More>>

Cook to Present on Academic-Government Partnerships at ICEGOV2014
October 27-30, 2014 | Guimarães, Portugal
At the 8th International Conference on Theory and Practice of Electronic Governance (ICEGOV2014), Meghan Cook, along with William Travis (Retired NYS Human Services Cluster CIO and Deputy Commissioner of NYS Office of Children and Family Services), will be presenting real cases drawn from CTG’s work with New York State, in a session focused on how academic and government partnerships are innovative, cutting edge, and mutually beneficial. The session will show how CTG engaged with NYS government to produce tangible results for government agencies while providing access and opportunities for research; and how these types of partnerships are structured. More>>

CTG to Participate at ICEGOV2014
October 27-30, 2014 | Guimarães, Portugal
CTG will be participating at the 8th International Conference on Theory and Practice of Electronic Governance (ICEGOV2014). The main purpose of ICEGOV2014 is to explore research and policy implications and discuss way forward for technology-enabled and data-intensive public governance in the post-2015 world. Theresa Pardo is a member of the Advisory Committee, and Sharon Dawes, Natalie Helbig, and Meghan Cook are members of
the Program Committee. More>>

**Cook to Present on the Evolving Role of Local Government CIOs**
October 9, 2014 | Watkins Glen, NY
Meghan Cook will be presenting at the New York State Local Government IT Directors Association's (NYSLGITDA) fall conference. Meghan's presentation will focus on the Evolving Role of Local Government CIOs. NYSLGITDA is dedicated to the coordination and improvement of information technology in all types of governments in New York State. More>>

**Dawes and Gil-Garcia to Participate at IFIP EGov 2014**
September 1-3, 2014 | Dublin, Ireland
Sharon Dawes and Ramon Gil-Garcia will be participating at the IFIP eGovernment Conference 2014, which is organized by the IFIP Working Group 8.5 on information systems in the public sector. Dawes and Gil-Garcia are senior faculty of the PhD Colloquium, which aims to bring PhD students who are scattered across countries and disciplines more together. Both Dawes and Gil-Garcia are also on the Program Committee of this conference, which brings together scholars from all over the globe to present the state of the art and most recent innovations in e-government, e-governance and related fields of study. The conference provides a highly interactive and professional forum for exchanging research concepts, progress and results. Ramon will present two papers on which he is co-author, Towards an Evaluation Model for Open Government: A Preliminary Proposal, and The Problem of Technological and Social Determinism: Integrative Approaches and some Non-Deterministic Concepts for Digital Government. More>>

**CTG to Partner with SUNY's Cradle to Career Alliance (C2C) Annual Convening**
June 26-27, 2014 | New York City, NY
CTG is partnering with SUNY's Cradle to Career Alliance (C2C) Annual Convening in New York City. This year's convening is focused on the use of data analytics to support the goals of the Alliance partners. The conference will provide knowledge sharing opportunities through both presentations and facilitated working sessions. Theresa Pardo will give a plenary presentation on the changing data context highlighting the new world of "big data? and data science and a set of new resources available to support such efforts such as state and city level data portals and new ?data executives.? Theresa, along with Meghan Cook and Donna Canestraro will also facilitate the day-long working sessions, which will focus on helping the Alliance meet their goal of tracking their collective impact. More on the Alliance>>

**Costello Presenting on New Web Tools at NYS Forum**
June 20, 2014 | Albany, NY
The NYS Forum is hosting a meeting on Web Transformation, Accessibility, Sass, the Future and other Webstuff. As part of this session, Jim Costello will give an introductory walk-through and demo on using Sass/Compass in Web projects. In addition, Luke Charde, enterprise architect at NYS ITS, will provide updates on the NYS ITS Web Transformation Project and the recently revised NYS Accessibility Policy and Strategy Documents. The Accessibility revisions were completed earlier this year by a team consisting of Debi Orton, Mike Short, Kristen Albright, Lisa Young, Valerie Perrotte, Joel Obuchowski, Marty Navojosky, Jim Costello, and Luke Charde. More>>

**CTG Participating in Conference Management Roles at dg.o2014**
June 18-21, 2014 | Aguascalientes City, Mexico
The 15th Annual International Conference on Digital Government Research (dg.o2014) is focusing on Open Innovations and Sustainable Development in Government: Experiences from around the World. J. Ramon Gil-Garcia is serving as Program Co-Chair, Natalie Helbig as a Track Chair, Teresa Harrison as a Panel Chair, and Sharon Dawes and Ramon are both Doctoral Colloquium Chairs. Papers, workshops, tutorials, and panel proposals are due February 1, 2014, and applications for the Doctoral Colloquium are due March 15, 2014. More>>

Pardo to Speak at Workshop on Privacy and Big Data
June 16, 2014 | New York City, NY
New York University?s Center for Urban Science and Progress (CUSP) is holding a workshop centered on a preview of the upcoming book, Privacy, Big Data, and the Public Good: Frameworks for Engagement, at the New York Academy of Sciences. Speakers include big data experts and the book?s co-editors: Dr. Julia Lane, an Institute Fellow at the American Institutes for Research (AIR), Victoria Stodden of Columbia University, Stefan Bender of the Institute for Employment Research of the German Federal Employment Agency, and Helen Nissenbaum of NYU. Theresa Pardo is the capstone speaker for the workshop, and will close the day with highlights and reflections.

Pardo to Present at Major Cities of Europe Annual Conference
June 2-4, 2014 | Zurich, Switzerland
The focus of the 2014 Major Cities of Europe Conference is Cities managing complexity in the digital world ? prepared for the upcoming challenges?Theresa Pardo is giving a presentation on ICT Innovation and Public Value: The complex process of choice making. The presentation will focus on how CTG's public value framework allows governments to identify public value in terms of social, political, quality of life, strategic, economic, stewardship, and ideological values to inform the complex process of ICT investment decision making. More>>

Cook Leading Workshop and Presenting Paper at CeDEM14
May 21-23, 2014 | Krems, Austria
The international Conference for e-Democracy and Open Government brings together e-democracy, e-participation and open government specialists working in academia, politics, government and business to critically analyse the innovations, issues, ideas and challenges in the networked societies of the digital age. Meghan Cook will be conducting a workshop on Maximizing the Public Value of Open Government: A Workshop on CTG?s Strategic Planning Approach. In addition, Meghan will be presenting a paper entitled Open Data Planning Activities: Emerging Practices from a Public Value Approach. The conference is hosted by the Centre for E-Governance at the Danube University Krems; the center has been organizing conferences on e-democracy and public administration since 2007. More>>

Pardo to Keynote at Tunisia's 1st International Conference on Electronic Government
May 13-14, 2014 | Tunis, Tunisia
Theresa Pardo will give a keynote presentation at Tunisia's 1st International Conference on Electronic Government. The conference will bring together both researchers and practitioners to encourage an open discussion of the strategies and challenges of electronic government and its implications for Tunisian society. Theresa's presentation will be focused on Building a 21st Century e-Government Strategy: A guide for government leaders. CTG is also a sponsoring organization of the conference, which is being organized by the Tunisian Management Scientific Society under the patronage of the Minister of Higher Education, Scientific Research, Information and Communication Technologies. More>>
CTG to Host Workshop on Policy Informatics in the PA Curriculum
May 9, 2014 | Albany, NY
CTG will host a one-day National Science Foundation-sponsored workshop entitled, Policy Informatics in the PA Curriculum: A workshop to explore integration of data-intensive analytical skills in public affairs education. Much is being said and written about ?big data? and ?data science,? but much less attention has focused on identifying what skills are required of the next generation of public managers, policy analysts, and informed citizens. Participants from several different universities in the US and Europe will come together to confront the changing type, amount, and quality of policy-relevant information and develop ways to train professional analysts in new areas of data-intensive science and decision making environments.

CTG to Lead National Forum on the Critical Role of Public Libraries in Supporting Open Government
May 7-8, 2014 | Alexandria, VA
The National Forum will focus on refining and improving a preliminary framework developed by CTG, in partnership with an advisory committee of public library, information and library science, and open government experts, to help public libraries describe their current open government related efforts and plan for future ones. The forum will also serve as an incubator to discuss potential future projects focused on further developing public library capabilities for supporting opening government within their communities. More>>

Pardo to Co-Chair UAlbany’s Inaugural President?s Forum on Data
May 5, 2014 | Albany, NY
New technologies, tools, and techniques for capturing, managing, and using data are making it possible to push the edges of what is known and serve society in new and innovative ways. To do so requires new kinds of partnerships across disciplines and sectors and new sets of skills for graduates to fill the fast-growing job market for data scientists. Building on the unique and particular advanced data analytics strengths of the University at Albany, the Inaugural Forum on Data convened by President Robert Jones, as part of the UA2020 Advanced Data Analytics initiative, will bring together the UAlbany Community with experts from industry and government to explore the latest applications of advanced data analytics. More>>

Pardo to Present on Opening Government Data and Creating Public Value for NITRD
April 22, 2014 | Washington, DC
The Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) Program is hosting a discussion led by Theresa Pardo who will present on Opening Government Data and Creating Public Value. Theresa will highlight work carried out by CTG together with government entities around the world to examine the range of public value that accrues to different stakeholders when opening and using government data. Remote participation is available, see details. More>>

Pardo to Co-Chair Panel on e-Government at IRSPM 2013
April 9-11, 2014 | Ottowa, Canada
The theme of the Eighteenth Annual Conference of the International Research Society for Public Management (IRSPM) is Intersections: Governance, Democracy, Accountability. Theresa Pardo will be co-chair of the panel session on The Role of e-Government in Administrative Reform: Towards New Forms of Governance, Democracy, and Accountability?This panel intends to explore the important issues around the role and actual
outcomes of e-Government in administrative reform initiatives, and the implications for public management. Theresa's co-chairs are: Miriam Lips, School of Government, Victoria University of Wellington; David Spacek, Faculty of Economics and Administration, Masaryk University; Tino Schuppan, The Institute for eGovernment; and Carlos Nunes Silva, Institute of Geography & Spatial Planning, University of Lisbon. More>>

**Pardo to Present at Symposium on Technological Innovation in Government**

April 5, 2014 | Boston, MA

The Massachusetts Chapter of the American Society of Public Administration is holding a Symposium on Technological Innovation in Government: Toward Open and Smart Government Symposium. Theresa Pardo is an invited featured speaker, joining other leaders in the emerging fields of technology as they share their proven strategies, policies, and examples of technological innovation in government. The symposium provides an opportunity for practitioners, students and academics to mingle and exchange ideas throughout the day regarding innovative uses of IT in government. More>>

**Closs to present ethical social media use paper at 2014 NYS National Association of Social Workers (NASW) ?Power of Social Work? conference**

March 21, 2014 | Albany, NY

The New York State National Association of Social Workers (NASW) will hold its annual ?Power of Social Work? conference on Friday, March 21, 2014 in Albany, NY. This year?s conference theme is ?Celebrating the Strength, Unity, and Identity of the Social Work Profession?. Using social media research and observations from CTG?s National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD) project, Project Coordinator Hillary Closs will present the paper ?Risky Business: Applying Ethical Standards to Social Media Use with Vulnerable Populations?, co-authored with NYTD Project Director Natalie Helbig. The paper explores how the NASW Code of Ethics were applied to best practices of obtain consent, upholding confidentiality, and avoiding disclosure concerns when using social media with vulnerable populations. The authors evaluated best practices among seven NYTD states? use of social media with current and former youth in foster care. More>>

**Helbig to present paper at 75th American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) Conference**

March 14-18, 2014 | Washington, DC

ASPA will celebrate its 75th Anniversary this year. ASPA is the largest professional association for public administration and is dedicated to advancing the art, science, teaching and practice of public and non-profit administration. Natalie Helbig will present the CTG paper, ?Dynamics of Opening Government Data? on a panel entitled, ?Opening Government and Smartening Cities: Institutional Design Considerations Drawn from Current Practice and Emerging Opportunities.? Other papers on the panel will examine institutional design features of federal open government platforms (co-authors Chris Koliba and Asim Zia from the University of Vermont), management of participatory challenge platforms (co-authors Tanya Kelley and Erik Johnston, Arizona State University), and smart urban governance (author Yu-Che Chen, Northern Illinois University). More>>

**Pardo Presenting on Smart Cities at 75th American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) Conference**

March 14-18, 2014 | Washington, DC

ASPA will celebrate its 75th Anniversary this year. ASPA is the largest professional association for public administration and is dedicated to advancing the art, science, teaching and practice
of public and non-profit administration. Theresa Pardo will be a presenter on the panel The Secret to Smarter Cities: Enabling Technology Innovation through Organizational Innovation, along with Sherri R. Greenberg, Professor, University of Texas At Austin-LBJ School of Public Affairs, and Ines Mergel, Assistant Professor, Syracuse University. More>>

Cook to Participate in Roundtable on Open Data and Transportation
March 3, 2014 | New York City, NY
The U.S. Department of Transportation and Governance Lab at NYU is holding a civic innovation roundtable with U.S. Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx. Meghan Cook, an invited expert, will take part in the discussion of how open data and technology are spurring innovation and addressing transportation challenges.

Cook and Helbig Leading Nigeria?s Open Data Stakeholder Engagement Forum and Workshop
January 29-30, 2014 | Abuja, Nigeria
The Nigerian Ministry ICT in collaboration with The World Bank and the Open Government Alliance, of which CTG is a lead partner, is conducting an Open Data Stakeholder Engagement Workshop to bring together government, civil society, and industry leaders to plan the Federal Government’s Open Data Strategy. Cook and Helbig will present current open data research as well as facilitate sessions throughout the two-day event. The primary focus of the event is to stimulate learning and engagement in order to set forth recommendations of actionable steps to implement open data by leveraging technology. The objective of the open data strategy is to drive economic growth, investment, and innovation through greater access to government data.

Dawes Participating in eGovPoliNet Meetings
January 27-29, 2014 | London, UK
eGovPoliNet is a global multidisciplinary digital governance and policy modelling research and practice community for sharing and advancing research and insights from practical cases around the world. CTG is the only US member of this international consortium. Sharon Dawes will be participating in both the eGovPoliNet project and scientific advisory board meetings in London. More>>

Pardo and Gil-Garcia to Participate at HICSS-47
January 6-9, 2014 | Big Island, HI
The Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences (HICSS) is one of the longest-standing continuously running scientific conferences. At HICSS47, Theresa Pardo is serving as mini-track co-chair of Emerging Topics in the Electronic Government Track, which takes a look at new topics and trends that are emerging in e-Government. J. Ramon Gil-Garcia is mini-track co-chair of Transformational Government, which examines the complexity of effectively managing e-Government and its transformational potential. More>>

CTG Participates at NY Innovates
December 18-20, 2013 | Albany, NY
NY Innovates is a unique four-day event featuring a developer conference and health data code-a-thon that will explore the creative use of technology and data to solve the challenges of tomorrow. Meghan Cook, Natalie Helbig, and Theresa Pardo are participating as speakers in various sessions throughout the event. NY Innovates is a collaborative effort of the New York State Office of Information Technology Services and the New York State Department of
CTG Co-Sponsor of Workshop on Open Health Data Opportunities for Researchers
November 22, 2013 | Albany, NY
SUNY's Rockefeller Institute of Government (RIG) and CTG are hosting a one-day workshop, Open Health Data, Open Opportunities. The workshop will focus on how open health data can become a viable new resource for researchers by introducing New York's open health data assets, providing ideas for using open data in the classroom, and seeding opportunities for researchers to network with each other and practitioners. Natalie Helbig is co-chair along with Erika Martin, director of Health Policy Studies at RIG and an assistant professor in the Department of Public Administration & Policy at the University at Albany. The workshop is supported by a grant from the New York State Health Foundation (NYSHealth) to RIG to identify, organize, and promote applied health policy research in New York State - and particularly within SUNY campuses. Theresa Pardo and Meghan Cook serve on the Advisory Committee. More>>

Dawes to Speak at European Union eGovernment Conference
November 14-15, 2013 | Vilnius, Lithuania
The eGovernment Conference aims to evaluate current e-Government policy, governance, management and implementation standards, and to discuss the roadmap for the development of a sustainable European e-Government framework, enabling the global competitiveness of the European Union, within the new financial framework for 2014-2020. Sharon Dawes will be speaking in two sessions: transforming public administration and open data. Former CTG senior fellow, Anthony Cresswell (now retired), will be speaking in the session on eGovernment measurement. More>>

Pardo to Participate in World Bank Seminar for E-Government Leaders of the Russian Federation
November 13, 2013 | Washington, DC
As part of a U.S. study visit program by E-Government Leaders of the Russian Federation, The World Bank is holding a series of seminars with global ICT experts. Theresa Pardo is participating in two seminars: 1) Open Data in the U.S. and Worldwide with Andrew Stott, former Director of data.gov.uk, and Jeanne Holm, Evangelist for data.gov and 2) E-Government Leadership: the Evolving Role of CIOs with Jean-Pierre Auffret of George Mason University.

CTG Co-Host of Forum on Detecting and Preventing Fraud, Waste and Abuse
November 6, 2013 | Albany, NY
SUNY's Rockefeller Institute of Government (RIG) and CTG are co-hosting a forum entitled Detecting and Preventing Fraud, Waste and Abuse: A Statewide and National Perspective. Theresa Pardo will join other experts in addressing how governments are revisiting the way they address fraud, waste and abuse and are implementing new technologies to tackle the issue from an enterprise perspective. To RSVP, call (518) 443-5258 or e-mail michele.charbonneau@rockinst.suny.edu. The deadline for registration is October 29th. More>>

Cook to Participate at 2013 Critical Issues in Higher Education Conference
October 29-30, 2013 | New York City, NY
Big data is transforming our world. The 2013 Critical Issues in Higher Education Conference
will examine how this movement could help build smarter universities - improving the student learning experience, enhancing the research enterprise, supporting effective community outreach, insulating the education pipeline and advancing the university infrastructure. While much of the cutting edge work being done with big data is happening at colleges and universities, higher education has yet to turn the digital mirror on itself. The conference is sponsored by the State University of New York. More>>

**Pardo and Helbig to present at Fudan University's International E-Governance Symposium**

October 27-28, 2013 | Shanghai, China
Bringing together academics, government officials, and industry representatives, this two-day symposium will explore the future of e-governance by discussing emerging trends in the areas of big data, open data, smart governing, data analytics, electronic services, participation and social media. Pardo will give a presentation entitled City Governments and Big Data: Creating a New Urban Experience and Helbig will give a talk about the impact of data sources and computational tools and techniques for policy analysis and planning. More>>

**Pardo, Dawes, Gil-Garcia and Helbig to Participate at ICEGOV2013**

October 22-25, 2013 | Seoul, Republic of Korea
Theresa Pardo, Sharon Dawes, Ramon Gil-Garcia, and Natalie Helbig will be participating at the 7th International Conference on Theory and Practice of Electronic Governance (ICEGOV2013). The main goal of ICEGOV2013 is to bring EGOV to the mainstream of the ongoing discussion on what will replace the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) to guide the UN development agenda post-2015. In addition to participating at the conference, Dawes is a member of the Advisory Committee, and along with Pardo, Gil-Gracia, Helbig, are members of the Program Committee. More>>

**Helbig to Speak at Arizona State University Colloquium Series**

October 4, 2013 | Phoenix, AZ
Natalie Helbig will give a talk at the Arizona State University, School of Public Affairs Colloquium Series. The talk entitled, The Role of Performance Information Artifacts for Meaningful Use: The Case of Child-Stat, explores the use of different visualizations for enabling or constraining knowledge sharing between executives and front-line employees. Often during performance-related discussions, neither executives nor front-line employees have a shared picture of performance, or even a shared understanding of the problems that the performance information is collected for. Getting to a common understanding requires addressing the many issues associated with knowledge sharing, collaboration, and communication problems among different groups as they engage in performance dialogues exposing tacit assumptions and reconciling differences in practices, culture, and worldviews. More>>

**Canestraro to Speak at ICMA Annual Conference**

September 22-25, 2013 | Boston, MA
Donna Canestraro will speak at a session on Mostly Cloudy: A Technology Forecast for Cities at ICMA's 99th Annual Conference. The session is designed to give managers an overview of emerging technology trends and explain how local governments might take advantage of it. Among the topics to be covered are cloud computing, mobility, social media, data, self-service, and crowdsourcing. The ICMA Annual Conference is the largest annual event in the world for local government managers and staff. More>>
Werthmuller Participating on Mobile Panel at GTC EAST
September 19-20, 2013 | Albany, NY
Derek Werthmuller will be on the All Things Mobile panel at GTC EAST, to discuss mobile strategy development using organization capability. The panel in general will focus on methods by which citizens interact with government and government interacts with citizens are rapidly evolving. Mobility is the operative word and we are now in an A4 world - Any information, Anywhere, Anytime, Any Device. Government needs to adapt quickly, assimilate and embrace this changing, dynamic world to serve its constituents. This session will define mobility and its challenges, and outline why it is so important to the future of government. More>>

Closs to Present NYTD to Preparing Youth for Adulthood (PYA) Coordinators
September 19, 2013 | New York, NY
The New York City (NYC) Administration for Children?s Services (ACS) created Preparing Youth for Adulthood (PYA), a program designed to help New York City foster care youth over the age of 12 prepare for living on their own. PYA coordinators lead independent living workshops for youth at every voluntary foster care agency in New York City, and starting this fall, will begin to incorporate the National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD) message when reaching out to youth. Closs will discuss how both programs can partner together to prepare youth for independence once they leave foster care. More>>

Dawes and Gil-Garcia to Participate at IFIP EGov 2013
September 16-19, 2013 | Koblenz, Germany
Sharon Dawes and Ramon Gil-Garcia will be participating at the IFIP eGovernment Conference 2013. Sharon and Ramon are senior faculty of the PhD Colloquium, which aims to bring PhD students who are scattered across countries and disciplines more together. They are also on the Program Committee of this conference, which brings together the top of the scientific research community in e-government and e-governance from all over the world. The conference provides a highly interactive and professional forum for exchanging research concepts, progress and results. As in the past, IFIP EGOV will feature refereed paper presentations, invited keynote presentations, high-level discussion panels, workshops, along with the PhD Colloquium. Ramon is on the Outstanding Paper Awards Committee, and will also present a paper, coauthored with Luis Luna-Reyes, Functional Differentiation and De-differentiation in the Politics-Portal-Administration Relationship: Understanding the Case of the State of Puebla from the Theory of Niklas Luhmann. More>>

Cook to Speak at Workshop on Open Data Toolkits and Assessment Tools at OKCon 2013
September 16-18, 2013 | Geneva, Switzerland
The Open Knowledge Foundation is hosting the 2013 Open Knowledge Conference (OKCon), the world?s leading open data and open knowledge conference. The theme for OKCon 2013 is OPEN DATA ? Broad, Deep Connected. Meghan Cook is helping to coordinate the Workshop on Open Data Toolkits and Assessment Tools, in which she is also speaker. CTG is one of several institutions providing technical assistance to developing countries? open data initiatives. The workshop will present some technical assistance tools and the emerging lessons from implementation, and discuss options for their improvement. More>>

Pardo to Participate at Data Transparency 2013
September 10, 2013 | Washington, DC
Data Transparency 2013, hosted by the Data Transparency Coalition, will be the nation's first federal open data policy conference. For the first time, the leading advocates of these policies - from the executive branch, the legislative branch, the nonprofit sector, the tech industry, and the financial industry - will gather to compare the history and chart the future of open data. In cross-cutting breakout sessions, public and private sector stakeholders will collaborate on specific policy steps to open up change-resistant areas of the federal government's data portfolio. Theresa Pardo will host the Breakout Sessions, Building an Open Data Agenda; and along with Hudson Hollistior, director, Data Transparency Coalition, lead the Breakout Recap and Closing session. More>>

Closs to Facilitate NYTD Workshop for Foster Youth at Statewide Leadership Retreat
July 24, 2013 | Hamilton, NY
The 2013 Youth in Progress (YIP) Leadership Retreat invites foster youth from across the state to participate in a two-day conference to discuss their experiences while in care. The retreat features presentations, workshops, and forums on services available for youth as they transition to independent living. CTG's NYTD Project Coordinator Hillary Closs will conduct a workshop on the National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD), a federal data collection effort to assess services used by foster youth. Raven Profit, YIP Youth Ambassador and intern at the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) will co-facilitate. The workshop will include a facilitated discussion about sharing NYTD information, the importance of the initiative in the lives of foster youth, and how youth can get involved. More>>

Dawes to participate in the Expert Group Meeting as Part of Post-2015 UN Development Agenda
July 3-5, 2013 | Geneva, Switzerland
Sharon Dawes has been invited to participate in the Expert Group Meeting (EGM) on Governance, Public Administration and Information & Communication Technologies for Post-2015 Development Objectives in Geneva July 3-5. The meeting is organized by UNDESA and the Center for Electronic Governance at United Nations University International Institute for Software Technology. It is part of a world-wide effort to develop a set of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) built upon the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The group will make recommendations about ways governance and public administration, supported by information and communication technology, can contribute to a post 2015 sustainable development agenda. More>>

Pardo to Speak at SAP Public Sector Innovation Forum
June 20, 2013 | Ottowa, ONCanada
Theresa Pardo will be give a presentation on Leveraging Technology Innovation in Government at the SAP Public Sector Innovation Forum. The audience will be comprised of senior government officials at the federal level, as well as local municipal government officials. The theme of the event is helping public sector departments capitalize on the business technology around them.

CTG to Help Organize dg.o 2013 Conference
June 17-20, 2013 | Quebec City, QuebecCanada
The 14th Annual International Conference on Digital Government Research (dg.o 2013) will focus on the theme, From e-Government to Smart Government. Natalie Helbig and Theresa Pardo are Track Chairs, Teresa Harrison and Jana Hrdinova are Panel Chairs, and Sharon Dawes and J. Ramon Garcia are co-chairs of the Doctoral Colloquium. Natalie, Theresa, Teresa, Sharon, and Ramon are also on the Program Committee. The dg.o meetings are an
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established forum for the presentation, discussion, and demonstration of interdisciplinary digital government research, technology innovation, applications, and practice. This year’s conference is hosted by the Faculty of Business Administration at Laval University. Paper submissions are due February 1, 2013. More>>

Cook as Track Chair at 2013 Major Cities of Europe Annual Conference
June 3-5, 2013 | Ljubljana, Slovenia
The 2013 Major Cities of Europe Annual Conference will focus on "ICT:Fostering Cities' Prosperity." The annual conference brings together local government managers and CIOs with leading experts in the ICT field to identify innovative solutions for the most pressing challenges cities face today. Meghan Cook will be a Track Chair both facilitating and speaking in the session, DATA: Leveraging a City’s Goldmine. The session will feature presentations and a roundtable from cities and public service ICT companies focused on maximizing a goldmine of data to promote new services, participation, economic development, societal changes. More>>

Dawes to Present Paper on Collaboration at APPAM International Conference
May 26-27, 2013 | Shanghai, China
Held annually, the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management's international research conferences attract the best researchers from around the world and covers topical issues in the public policy community. The Fudan University School of International Relations and Public Affairs (SIRPA), the University of Maryland School of Public Policy (UMD), and the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) are hosting this year's conference, entitled Collaboration Among Government, Market, and Society: Forging Partnerships and Encouraging Competition. Sharon Dawes will present the paper, Collaboration across Nations: Context and Dynamics, coauthored by Brian Burke and Lei Zheng (Fudan University). The paper focuses on the interactions among the participants during the six-year engagement that culminated in the implementation of AIRNow-I Shanghai, with particular attention to the ways in which their work was influenced by the need to deal with important contextual distances associated with culture, language, organizational factors, data, knowledge, and technology. More>>

Pardo Presenting Final Recommendations at Nigeria Open Data Forum
May 9, 2013 | Abuja, Nigeria
As part of a six month project to assist the Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN) in their pursuit of a more open government and vibrant economy, Theresa Pardo will be presenting project results and recommendations to senior level ministers, ICT staff, civil society representatives, and industry leaders. With funding from The World Bank and the Korean Partnership Trust, CTG, as lead partner in the Open Government Alliance, is assisting the FGN to be more transparent, empower citizens, fight corruption, and harness new technologies to strengthen governance as a way to move towards a more open government. As part of this work, Theresa Pardo and Meghan Cook, program manager at CTG, travelled to Abuja, Nigeria to conduct a series of working meetings and workshops in late 2012 and early 2013.

Canestraro and Sutherland to Speak at NYSLGITDA Spring Conference
April 23, 2013 | Saratoga, NY
Donna Canestraro and Megan Sutherland will be speaking at the NY State Local Government IT Directors Association’s (NYSLGITDA) spring conference. They will be highlighting CTG’s broadband work with New York State and giving updates on the launch of the redesigned broadband speedtest website and ongoing efforts to collect broadband information from New
York's community anchor institutions (CAI). CTG has been reaching out to the county IT directors for assistance in collecting the CAI data. NYSLGITDA is dedicated to the coordination and improvement of information technology in all types of governments in New York State. More>>

Pardo to Participate in Technology for Engagement Summit
April 18-19, 2013 | New York City, NY
The Governance Lab @ NYU is organizing a new kind of event that will bring together activists and researchers, industry designers and technologists, as well as academic, government, civil society and business leaders to design concrete methods through which institutions can reinvent themselves and citizens can organize themselves and engage response. Theresa Pardo has been invited to collaborate as part of this group of leaders who are willing to implement ground-breaking interventions and interested in engaging citizens in the process of governance. This event, Building a Research and Design Infrastructure: A Technology for Engagement Summit is supported by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation and the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. More on GovLab>>

Cook to Moderate Panel on Transparency at NYS IT Leadership Academy
April 17-18, 2013 | Albany, NY
The IT Leadership Academy is a Government Technology event designed by and for government senior technology executives, and senior managers being groomed for leadership. The two day program features state leaders, well-known experts in leadership and technology, and topics of current interest. The Academy provides New York state and local government technology leaders a chance to sharpen their business skills and network with each other and industry leaders. At the 2013 Academy, Meghan Cook will moderate a panel session on Building Transparency though Citizen Engagement, Social Media, and Open Data. This session will leverage knowledge and expertise from public, private, nonprofit, and education institutions already engaged in open government initiatives and open your eyes, as an IT Leader, to what is possible. Showcasing a collection of expertise and real examples (including Super Storm Sandy and New York State's Open Data initiatives), experts will detail efforts in opening government, opening government data, engaging citizens, and leveraging social media - all with the goal of increasing transparency. More>>

CTG to Help Coordinate Policy Informatics Session at IRSPM2013
April 10-12, 2013 | Prague, Czech Republic
CTG and collaborators will coordinate a panel of papers that focuses on the emerging role of policy informatics in supporting public policy and governance at the International Research Society for Public Management (IRSPM) annual conference. Hosted in Prague, Czech Republic, the 2013 conference is expected to bring together academics and practitioners from different world regions addressing issues related to the topic of the conference. More>>

Pardo to Speak at Bahrain International eGovernment Forum
April 9-11, 2013 | Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain
The Forum brings together the brightest minds and the latest solutions in the eGovernment arena with a focus on the private sector. Prominent international speakers will share their visions, experiences and future forecasts regarding e-Government technologies and innovations from across the world. More>>

Hrdinova to Guest Lecture at UAlbany Graduate Class Focused on Urban Planning in
Developing Countries
April 9, 2013 | Albany, NY
Jana Hrdinova will be a guest lecturer for the class, Planning for Jobs, Housing & Community Services in Third World Cities, taught by Corianne P. Scally, Ph.D. Assistant Professor and Co-Director of UAlbany’s Master’s in Urban and Regional Planning Program. Jana’s lecture will focus on the issues surrounding government use of technology in developing countries. The Master’s program provides education for professional planning practice, to research and publish on planning-related issues, and to apply planning methods to improve the quality of life in communities and regions. More>>

Canestraro to Speak at Sabadell Smart Congress
April 8-9, 2013 | Barcelona, Spain
The Sabadell Smart Congress is a unique meeting point for advanced thinking over the smart cities of the future. Recognized speakers from national and international spheres will give their views on the city in all its dimensions: economy, energy, environment, social welfare, technology and governance. Presentations, roundtables and exhibits will show and directly apply technologically based R&D from multinationals and small creative entrepreneurs. Donna Canestraro will participate at the session SMART SAFETY: Innovating in health care services to improve citizens quality of life. More>>

Hrdinova and Sayogo Present on iChoose at RPI as part of Ontology Summit 2013
April 3, 2013 | Troy, NY
Jana Hrdinova and Djoko Sigit Sayogo (PhD student at Rockefeller College & graduate assistant at CTG), jointly presented with team members from CCI/UAlbany and Tetherless World Constellation/RPI: Semantic Web Development Methodology in Practice: The iChoose Ontology as a Use Case at RPI as part of Ontology Summit 2013. In addition, they are holding a Ontology Summit Hackathon Clinic at RPI this Saturday also based on the iChoose project. More>>

Dawes to Participate at tGov Workshop 2013
March 22-23, 2013 | London, UK
The tGov (Transforming Government) Workshop 2013 is organized by the Information Systems Evaluation and Integration Group (ISEing) to provide a common platform for academics and practitioners to discuss and present original research highlighting issues related with technical, organisational, managerial and socioeconomic aspects of both (e) and (t)-Government implementation and adoption. Sharon Dawes is participating in the workshop as a member of the eGovPoliNet Consortium, which is collaborating with tGov 2013 in organizing a set of presentation and panel discussions to bring together researchers and practitioners to present their approaches on ICT for governance and policy modelling. More>>

Hrdinova to Speak about Social Media at Regional Technology & Social Networking Forum
March 16-18, 2013 | Badaa, Kuwait
The objective of the 1st Regional Technology and Social Networking Forum is to bring together leading scholars, authorities, practitioners and experts to discuss emerging trends and future opportunities of technology and social networking, and its economic impact on the region. Jana Hrdinova will be speaking on social media policies and guidelines for governments. More>>
Pardo to Speak at John Jay College of Criminal Justice  
March 12, 2013 | New York, NY  
Theresa Pardo will give a talk on Information Sharing, Emergency Response and Homeland Security: Lessons from the Field at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. The talk will be a snapshot of the field and a primer focusing on the challenges of emergency response to large scale events such as Hurricane Sandy, which increasingly fall into the realm of data sharing, communications, and computing. The recent recognition of ?Big Data? -- the massive quantities of electronic information stored from myriad sources across our society -- and their productive use via analytics to improve the timeliness and quality of applied decisions, will be discussed. More>>

Dawes to Speak at MENA ICT Forum 2013  
March 6-7, 2013 | Dead Sea, Jordan  
The main theme of the MENA ICT Forum? 2013 is Arab ICT Spring: Realizing Potential. The Forum features a content-rich agenda that covers vital current and future issues related to regional investment climates, legislative supportive systems, infrastructure & communications, emerging technologies, as well as education and human capital development. In particular, the Forum addresses these issues in a context that is highly relevant to the MENA (Middle East and North Africa) region, thus providing the business community, decision makers and stakeholders with a holistic overview of the region?s current position, opportunities on hand and recommended approach for leveraging its potential. Sharon Dawes will be on a panel discussing ICTs in government. More>>

Pardo and Cook to Participate at The World Bank ICT Solutions Day 2013  
February 28, 2013 | Washington, DC  
The ICT Solutions Day is a day-long session where client countries and internal and external experts will come together to get hands-on experience on developing Smart Solutions using information and communications technologies (ICT) to tackle development challenges. This event will be centered around leveraging the best global thinking to explore the power of collective intelligence and the latest technology enablers to co-create smart solutions across the sectors. Theresa Pardo and Meghan Cook will participate as expert discussants to engage participating countries in design thinking ? a client-driven, open, collaborative process of building up meaningful ICT-enabled solutions that will address the challenges in a new way. More>>

Dawes to Participate on Panel at Transatlantic Research on Policy Modeling Workshop  
January 28-29, 2013 | Washington, DC  
The Transatlantic Research on Policy Modeling Workshop aims to collect and share knowledge on sectorial and integrated modeling frameworks, as well as on best practice applications, for policy formulation and evaluation through the application of modeling techniques in the form of innovative ICT tools. Sharon Dawes will be on the panel Bridging science, policy and technology: challenges and opportunities. The workshop is being organized by the Millennium Institute as part of the FP7 EU co-funded CROSSOVER Project to provide a common discussion ground for modelers, policy analysts and decision makers on the current state of modeling efforts and to inform decision-making on available tools and on critical policy decisions, ultimately also contributing strongly to the CROSSOVER Roadmap on Policy Modeling 2.0. More>>
Pardo and Dawes to Participate at HICSS-46
January 7-10, 2013 | Wailea, Maui, HI
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